



WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 5, 1902.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, February 5.

It is rumored that ex-Judge L. L. Lewis, of Virginia, has been requested to visit the White House by the President for consultation regarding the Virginia affairs. Mr. Roosevelt wishes to get the counsel of some one in whom he can place entire confidence and he has selected Judge Lewis. Many of the officeholders and applicants are still here. Chairman Agnew and some other members of his committee are here daily, but recently they have been retained from visiting the White House. There is a rumor of a break between Chairman Agnew and Capt. Pat. McCaul over the Lynchburg postmaster's position, but these gentlemen appear to be on friendly terms when seen together.

At the church of the Covenant at noon tomorrow will be celebrated the wedding of Helen, daughter of Secretary of State John Hay, and Payne Whitney, second son of William C. Whitney, Secretary of the Navy during the first Cleveland administration. The entire diplomatic corps has been invited and almost to a unit will attend. The President of the United States will toast the bride at the wedding breakfast succeeding the marriage ceremony. A thousand invitations have been sent out, and the church on Connecticut Avenue will be packed with the most brilliant assemblage that has probably ever gathered there. The numerous presents received by the bride are now on view at the residence of Secretary Hay. The room where they have been arranged is ablaze with the light of diamonds and the flashes from silver and cut glass. Among the gifts are a diamond tiara from the bride's father, a collar of diamonds from the groom, a necklace of diamonds with pearl and diamond pendant from Col. Payne, the uncle of the groom; two superb rings, one a circle of diamonds, and one of diamonds and rubies, from Mr. W. U. Whitney, the father of the groom. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt have given a beautiful mahogany clock. At the church simplicity will mark the nuptials, the family of the bride being in deep mourning for the late John Hay. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. F. H. Hamilton, assisted by Rev. H. C. Hayden. The bride will wear no jewels or lace. Her gown will be of white satin and full court train, her veil of tulle being held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. Miss Hay's attendants will be her sister Alice and Miss Dorothy Whitney, sister of the groom. The groom will be attended by his classmate at Yale, Eugene Hale, Jr., second son of Senator Hale. After the wedding the young couple will leave for the South, going directly to Thomasville, Ga., where they will remain for a month.

Representative McCall, member of the ways and means committee, is not at all indignant because of Governor General Wood's alleged interference in congressional affairs touching on Cuba. "In the first place," he said today, "it is not true that he wrote letters to the Senate alone urging tariff relief for Cuba. He wrote to the House as well. I have one of those letters in my pocket now. In the second place, although an army officer, he occupies an administrative position in Cuba, being, virtually, civil governor, and his views may be considered important in the highest sense. I know they were desired by the ways and means committee, and he had been invited to address us in person, but could not comply. In his stead, came Collector of the Port Bliss, also an army officer, who spoke his views plainly. It is a military officer's letter for General Wood to write the letter complained of, and how much greater was the offense of Col. Bliss, who spoke right out and clearly endeavored to influence legislation?"

Secretary Root this afternoon stated that when Governor Wood was here last fall the latter informed him that he had received several letters from Senators and Congressmen asking about conditions in Cuba. The Governor, thereupon, asked if he might answer those letters. The Secretary gave him permission, and now presumes that Governor Wood was acting under the permission then granted when he addressed his recent circular letter to members of the Senate.

The House committee on elections No. 1, by a party vote of four republicans and two democrats, today decided the contest of Moore versus Rouse, third Kentucky, and in favor of the republican contestant. Two republicans and one democrat were absent but the absentees will sign the report of their committee will be made to the House February 24, when action will be taken at once, such a report being a privileged question.

The hearing of Gov. Taft was resumed by the Senate committee on the Philippines this morning. The Governor began with a description of the relations existing between the civil and the military authorities in the Philippines. While there had been certain difference between the commission and the military, they were, he said, easily adjusted and a modus vivendi had been readily established.

The national committee on pensions of the G. A. R. was in session with Pension Commissioner Evans at the Pension Office today. They are investigating complaints made to them in their official capacity on the action of the Pension Bureau in certain cases.

There were a number of quick shifts today in the House as regards the situation relative to the repeal of the war revenue tax law. As it stands now, there will be no action on the measure, but the committee on rules will bring in a rule shutting out all amendments not germane, particularly the Babcock bill, placing certain trust made manufacturers of steel on the free list, which certain democrats threaten to offer as a rider, or any proposition looking to Cuban tariff concessions. Later on there will be a republican caucus at which the Babcock plan and kindred plans of tariff revision will be discussed. But the war tax repeal bill must first be got out of the way.

The President today telegraphed to the U. S. District Attorney for Arizona to investigate the recent Daniels charges and has wired Daniels himself regarding the matter.

Representative Morrill yesterday introduced a bill to prevent discrimination by common carriers of passengers in accommodations while traveling between the States on account of race or color. The bill is aimed at the southern railroads now using "Jim Crow" cars.

The House committee on appropriations today reported to the House the bill making appropriations for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903. The estimate on which the bill is based aggregated \$25,263,633; the bill carries \$25,169,899, which is \$93,734 more than the

appropriations for the same purpose for the current fiscal year. The number of salaries provided for is 11,512, which is an increase of 468. Of the increase 266 are on account of rural free delivery.

Attorney General Knox has postponed his investigation of the case of Judge Noyes of Alaska, who has been fined \$1,000 on a charge of conspiracy.

The Virginia republicans are in a quandary. The President has issued orders against office holders attempting to influence legislation and has said that he will not tolerate any attempt to be too active in politics—at least not just at present—or to be too important concerning their own appointments or in securing appointments for others, and as all this applies directly to Virginia republicans they are at their wits' end as to what course to pursue for their own protection or advancement. There is not a republican from Virginia in either branch of Congress to whom they can go for aid or advice and, as the republicans from the other States have troubles of their own, these have little time or inclination to look after their Virginia brothers. The Virginia democrats, of course are out of this trouble, as it is not their fight, but the republicans in the State who are widening in their opponents' ranks and hoping that the devil may take the hindmost.

Until recently Mr. Bowden, of Norfolk, a member of Virginia State republican committee, was generally recognized as the referee in all political disputes in the State which came to Washington, but as it is rumored that the "organization" is not in favor with the President, Mr. Bowden has less to do now in such matters than formerly and the office seekers are all running on their own hook.

Octavius Smith, the young Cuban, whose attentions to the daughter of a Washington physician were discouraged by the parents of both the children and who was arrested yesterday, was taken from the police station last night and accompanied by his father, Mr. Octavius Smith, left for New York on their way to Cuba.

Hon. John Barnett, who has charge of the matter of foreign exhibits for the St. Louis World's Fair, informed the President today that the foreign governments would not be ready with their exhibits if the fair should be held in 1903.

The Venezuelan revolutionary steamer Libertador is again reported sunk by a Government gunboat.

Major-Gen. S. B. M. Young will be the first president of the new Army War College at Washington Barracks.

Emperor William, in returning thanks for birthday congratulations, says he will try to lead his people in the path of peace.

Capt. John Sheridan, of Mount Savage, Md., the well known mine owner and capitalist, died yesterday at the Maryland University Hospital, Baltimore.

A comparison of the cost of maintaining an army in the Philippines and the trade benefits which ensue shows that nations other than the United States have profited greatly.

A lively episode took place yesterday in the Istham Canal zone. Mr. Morgan, intendant at Mr. Hanna's residence, in the Canal zone, which the latter emphatically denied.

Major Arthur Lee said in the British House of Commons yesterday that he had a chance to get the services of the United States army's chief horse expert in buying horses for the British in South Africa.

The Maryland Senate yesterday passed the House bill for the appointment of a commission to confer with a similar commission from the Virginia legislature regarding the boundary lines in the Potomac.

At least nine men were killed and as many more injured in a fire which broke out last night in the five-story stone and brick building in St. Louis, occupied by the American Text and Sewing Company. The building suddenly collapsed, and the nine men were caught in the crash.

A great mass of petitions signed by sundry citizens of the United States, men of letters and scholars, and others, favoring "the suspension of hostilities in the Philippine Islands and praying that an opportunity be given for a discussion of the situation between the Government and the Filipino leaders," was yesterday presented in the upper branch of Congress by Senator Hear.

Senator Elkins yesterday introduced a bill to amend the interstate commerce act, which provides that an order of the Interstate Commerce Commission, fixing just and reasonable rates, shall become operative within thirty days, in cases where complaints of discrimination have been made and investigated. Provision is made for pooling between two or more common carriers as follows:

In the Senate yesterday evening the urgent deficiency appropriation bill underwent consideration, the Philippine tariff measure being laid aside temporarily to make way for the privileged supply bill. Mr. Hanbrough, of North Dakota, made a spirited defense of Judge Noyes, of the district court of Alaska, upon whom an attack was made in the Senate on Monday, and Alexander McKenzie. This precipitated a long discussion of the Noyes case.

By a proceeding practically unprecedented in the history of that body, the Senate, late yesterday afternoon, in executive session, reconsidered the vote by which the nomination of Ben S. Daniels to be United States Marshal for Arizona was confirmed on last Thursday. This action in the case of Daniels, who is an ex-Rough Rider and whose nomination was a personal one with President Roosevelt, was caused by the dispatch printed yesterday morning from Cheyenne, Wyo., giving the past record of the nominee for a United States marshalship.

The story of a desperate shooting affair comes from Franklin Junction, on the Southern Railroad, in Pittsylvania county. J. M. Acuff, while drunk, shot out the signal lights at the station and then went into Frank Haley's barroom and shot him in the breast, inflicting a probably fatal wound. Acuff defied arrest and was fired on by citizens and took refuge in his brother's house. Sheriff Shellhouse found him there this morning alone in the house, his brother's family having fled in fear. Acuff's arm was nearly cut off at the elbow by a wound from a shotgun in the hands of a citizen. The Sheriff carried Acuff to the county jail at Canaanham and his wounds were dressed.

Funeral of the Biddies. Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 5.—Twenty-five relatives and acquaintances accompanied the remains of the Biddle brothers from the mortuary to their final resting place in Calvary Cemetery this morning. The little cortege of two hearse and five carriages moved at 8:30 o'clock. One each carried a few flowers sent last night by unknown persons. The procession reached Calvary Cemetery at 9:40. The pallbearers carried the caskets to the door of the cemetery. The bill was read the funeral service, pronounced the customary rites over the remains and the caskets were lowered.

The Market. Georgetown, Feb. 5.—Wheat 75c 3/4.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1902, WM. H. HAMILTON, aged 53 years. Funeral from his late residence, 209 W. 10th street, Friday, 7th inst., at 10:30 a. m. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

The Davidson Hotel Company which ran the Atlantic Hotel in Norfolk, having had no insurance, was yesterday compelled to abandon.

Thomas Page, of Marmora, attempted to commit suicide in Petersburg yesterday by cutting his throat. His sweetest married brother, and his disappointment in love induced melancholia, which led to the act.

W. Gordon McCabe, Jr., of Petersburg, son of Col. W. Gordon McCabe, and Miss Frances Claiborne Spicer, daughter of the late Charles W. Spicer, a prominent tobaccoist in that city, were married at St. Paul's Church yesterday afternoon.

Mr. R. Curzon Hoffman, of Baltimore, is in Norfolk in connection with a proposition of local and New York capitalists to purchase a large piece of property owned by the Water Front Investment Company, upon which it is desired to establish a shipyard.

Mr. Michael Hassett, a well-known citizen of Winchester, died yesterday afternoon, aged 80 years. Mr. Hassett was said to have been the oldest track-walker in the country. He entered the service of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad over 34 years ago as track-walker.

The semi-annual examinations of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., are completed and the first rating of the fourth class are determined. The Virginia stand as follows: 15, W. Leggett, Jr.; 24, T. G. Elyson; 27, W. S. McClinton; 34, A. Mandeville; 42, W. B. Woodson; 72, E. A. Jackson; 135, W. H. Booth. The sixth or seventh rating of the class will resign.

T. J. O'Donoff, of Winchester, was awarded the honor yesterday for erecting a costly monument to be placed in Stonewall Cemetery in Winchester to the memory of the Confederate soldiers from Florida, who are buried there. The monument is the gift of the Florida Division Daughters of the Confederacy, and will be unveiled on Confederate Memorial Day—June 6 next.

John Young, a prominent farmer of Franklin county, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself through the head with a rifle. It is said some charges of immorality had been made against him by persons who, it is said, made them more in jest than in earnest, but it seemed the unfortunate man allowed his mind to dwell upon the matter until he was mentally unbalanced.

Delegates Carter Glass returned to the constitutional convention in Richmond yesterday from a trip to Lynchburg. He says that he saw Senator Daniel and that he looking unusual. "Senator Daniel is himself again, having entirely recovered from his recent illness. According to my understanding, Senator Daniel will return to the convention some time next week and will resume his labors here."

## CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The constitutional convention yesterday rejected Mr. Withers' motion for a double daily session and then spent the day hearing a speech from Mr. A. C. Braxton, chairman of the committee on corporations, presenting the report of that committee to the committee of the whole and giving reasons for changes suggested. He stated that the freight charges for railroads alone amounted to more than five times the sum paid in revenue each year for the support of the United States government. Such corporations had a tax-levying power that no modern government would dare arrogate to itself. The committee had deliberately come to the conclusion, in consonance with other great States, that such an enormous power in the hands of a creature of the State should be subject to control. For these reasons a corporation commission had been provided for to act as a representative of the government and of the corporations alike. Mr. Braxton gave a resume of the labors of the corporation committee and explained how eight of the eleven members had come to agree on the recommendations made. He said the committee at the beginning of its investigation found that Virginia was one of a very few States in the Union whose constitution had no article relating to corporations. This was due, he said, probably to the fact that since the last constitution and previous ones were formulated the business world had evolved from individual to a corporate existence and the present generation had witnessed a complete, though gradual, revolution in all the relations of corporate life to the general public. He then argued that unless the increased rates of taxation, which the railroads had agreed to pay, were coupled with a power to regulate and control freight charges every dollar of it would be collected out of the public by increased freight charges, and quoted a railroad president as having recently said to a member of the convention: "You old fogies down in Virginia don't know the first principle of getting around us." Mr. Braxton insisted that the committee had not acted in spirit of hostility to the railroads in spirit of hostility to the railroads. He declared that threats from railroads that if an effective railroad commission was created they would proceed to debase the electorate of Virginia had no terrors for him. Mr. Braxton spoke for more than three hours.

Mr. Hunter spoke today in advocacy of the minority report. The speech will consume perhaps as much time as was consumed by the speech of Mr. Braxton yesterday for the report of the majority of the committee.

The democratic members of the constitutional convention decided last night that the sessions of the conference for the purpose of considering the suffrage plans should hereafter be held in the afternoon. The night sessions will be discontinued.

## MARRIED.

At the residence of Mr. Wilmer Steeds on Tuesday, February 4, 1902, by Rev. P. P. Phillips, Mr. ALEXANDER SOWIE and Miss CARRIE HOMER, both of this city.

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## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

London, Feb. 5.—General Lord Kitchener today reports the capture of General De Wail's last gun, together with the recapture of two other guns which had been taken by the Boers.

The Boer casualties were five killed, including Field Cornet Wessels, six wounded and 27 captured. The casualties were slight. Other columns have captured 52 prisoners.

Rome, Feb. 5.—Mr. Storor has returned from London where he was negotiating for participation by the Vatican in the coronation of King Edward. Mr. Storor informed the Pope that the opinion prevails in high quarters in England that every effort will be made, through the wish of the King, to conclude peace in South Africa before the coronation. The Pope exclaimed: "God grant their eyes may be opened."

Paris, Feb. 5.—The new first class cruiser Jena, the most luxurious of the French warships, has been selected to convey President Loubet to Russia on the occasion of his return visit to the Czar which is scheduled to take place next June.

Extraordinary Prison Delivery. St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—A wholesale escape of prisoners is said to have occurred at the prison for females at Smolenski in which all the guards, numbering 38, were murdered and 112 convicts escaped. Two of the convicts inmates who were in for theft, organized a revolt. When all was in readiness, a signal was given, and a simultaneous attack made on the wardens and guards, all of whom were quickly overcome. The crudest kind of weapons were used by the revolting convicts, but the guards who were inadequately armed, were taken by surprise. Walls and floors were splattered with the blood of the officials who had been killed and several of the escaping convicts, who were injured in the melee. Many of the convicts were later recaptured. How the women obtained the weapons and tools with which liberty was obtained is not explained.

Terrific Boiler Explosion. Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 5.—An explosion occurred at 1:30 this morning on board the steamer John W. Allen, on the Mooninglake river. The boat was almost immediately reduced to a wreck and fire following consumed what was left. The ruined boat, drifting with the current, floated down the river a short distance and sank in the middle of the channel. The Allen was coming down the river with a loaded tow and was just above the Edgar Thomson steel works when the boiler let go with a roar. The shock was so great it shook houses on shore. One man was instantly killed. Seven are in the hospital, and according to the latest reports, four are yet missing. The force of the upheaval lifted Captain Shaw, who was in bed, a distance of 200 feet and deposited him in a badly bed-ridden condition in the yard of the Thomson Steel Works.

Elected Coadjutor to Bishop. Philadelphia, Feb. 5.—Dr. Alexander McKay Ivan Smith, of Washington, was today elected coadjutor to Bishop Oz Whitaker of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. This is a great victory for the Low Churchmen, the High Churchmen having endeavored to elect Rev. R. H. Nelson, of Philadelphia. It is not known whether Dr. Smith will accept.

The Danish West Indies. Washington, Feb. 5.—The treaty for the purchase by the United States of the Danish West India islands was today reported favorably to the Senate by the committee on Foreign Relations. It proposes to pay five million dollars for them.

Got Away With \$3,000. Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 5.—Four masked men entered the office of the Central Railroad shops at one o'clock this morning, knocked John Harrington, the watchman, senseless with a blackjack, bound and gagged him and then broke open the safe and extracted \$3,000 in cash. The escape, after smashing the telephone, Harrington was found lying in a pool of blood by another watchman and was sent to the hospital. Yesterday was payday at the shops and the money was the wages of absences. Harrington is recovering. The police suspect men who were recently discharged.

DO NOT WANT THE PRINCE. The city council of Baltimore will not extend an official request to Prince Henry, of Prussia, to visit Baltimore. This was determined by the second branch, when Major Venable's motion to table the resolution of invitation was carried without a division. Major Venable, in offering his motion to table, said:

"I don't care one cent for Prince Henry, whether he comes here or not. I was brought up to despise princes; it was bred in my bones. If he came here on the level with other people I would be ready to receive him."

When Councilman Smith stated that Prince Henry would stop in Baltimore twenty minutes, Major Venable replied: "Let him get some beer."

Major Venable, in explanation, said: "I think the sentiments I expressed, which were prevalent all over the country during and for some years following Revolutionary times, still exist among the plain people of Virginia, in which State I was born and bred. If all the princes of Europe were huddled on a vacant lot around the corner I would not walk around there to see them."

"I don't wish to be classed as a barbarian, and I fully recognize that those whose official duty brings them into intercourse with royalty must of necessity use every courtesy and politeness. I am glad my duty does not impose this upon me. I delight in seeing and hearing a talented man, whose labor to cultivate his talent has made him foremost among his fellows, but have no sympathy with the adulation showered upon scions of royalty as was done by the people in America upon the occasion of the visit here of the present King of England, when Prince of Wales, in 1860."

The Last Heard Of It. "My little boy took the cramp one night and soon grew so bad you could hear him breathe all over the house," says F. D. Seymour, Manchester, N. H. "We feared he would die, but a few drops of One Minute Cough Cure quieted him and he went to sleep. That's the last we heard of the cramp. Now isn't a cough cure like that valuable?" One Minute Cough Cure is absolutely safe and acts immediately. For coughs, colds, croup, croup, whooping cough, and all other throat and lung troubles it is a certain cure. Very pleasant to take. The little ones like it. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons.

## FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.

At the conclusion of the routine business in the Senate this morning the urgent deficiency bill was called on.

Mr. Hale in charge of the bill, attempted to throw oil on the troubled waters engendered by the rather acrimonious discussion of yesterday, over the Judge Noyes Alaska scandal.

While he realized, he said, that he was at the mercy of the Senators, he hoped that the discussion of the Noyes case would be postponed until the bill was gotten out of the road.

Mr. McCumber (N. D.) denounced the Noyes prosecution as a persecution.

Mr. McCumber, in reply to a statement of Mr. Perkins, complimentary to the court of appeals of California, declared that Judge Noyes, a Democrat, and the other prominent men charged with being co-conspirators were as honorable as was the Senator from California. "Why Mr. President," said Mr. McCumber, "if a man was to take the Holy Scripture, and pick out a word or a sentence here and there he could convict the very Devil himself."

"If the people of the country knew the facts of this Alaska business, there would be an earthquake," shouted Mr. McCumber. "Give us the facts, I want to be shocked!" remarked Mr. Tillman.

Mr. Tillman declared that "if this country can't provide honest judges and district attorneys in Alaska, where our language is spoken, is it not time for a pause by you men who are here bent on imperiling the Republic? Think of what opportunities there will be for the judiciary in the Philippines, to terrorize, pollute and robe, where the people speak a foreign tongue."

Mr. Tillman quoted the case of Daniel, an ex-convict, appointed territorial marshal. "That's a pretty specimen to send to one of our territories," he shouted. "The next thing we know you Senators will be bringing discredit upon this administration by recommending such of your friends to office."

"It is with great reluctance, so help me God, that I entered upon this thing," impressively spoke Mr. Tillman, "but some one has to hold up the candle, or rather hold up the mirror, so you Senators can see yourselves as others see you."

HOUSE. The oleomargarine bill will consume three more days in the House. This decision was reached today soon after the opening and was brought about in spite of the opposition of Mr. Henry (rep. Conn.), the father of the measure, who wished to close general debate this evening and force a vote at four o'clock tomorrow.

Mr. Williams (dem. Miss.) demanded more time and finally prevailed. Before the oleo bill was taken up, Mr. Hemenway reported the legislative appropriation bill to the House.

The vote on the oleo bill may not come up before Monday or Tuesday, as the legislative appropriation bill will probably come up tomorrow morning, and will consume at least one day and possibly two.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Moon spoke against the oleo bill, attacking it on constitutional grounds.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE. The following is the programme of the 9th annual Farmers' Institute to be held in the Auditorium in Winchester on February 18 and 19.

Music at opening of each session and between other exercises, as committee may arrange.

Address of welcome, Hon. R. T. Barton; Twentieth Century Farmer, what he shall be and do, Senator S. L. Lupton; Do you consider it waste of material for a well educated young man to work upon the farm, Jonah L. Rees; essay on growing and marketing fruit, John Thurst; Illustrated Lecture on Birds, Prof. of Blacksburg College; Poultry on the Farm, Miss Annie J. Rees; The best horse for the Frederick county farmer to breed, Wm. E. Branner; Recitation, Miss Lillian Rinker; The humorous side of farm life, C. M. Ebert; Is it ever profitable for the Farmer to sell Hay Corn, Fodder or Straw, L. A. Huyett; Timothy as a money crop, T. L. Chambliss; Recitation, Miss M. H. Cleaver; Farm Labor, C. H. Furcoli; The Conventional arrangement of Farm buildings, Mrs. L. L. Lupton; Illustrated Lecture on Fertilizers, Prof. of Blacksburg College; Recitation, Edna B. Huyett; How shall we lessen the labor of Farmers' wives? Mrs. James T. Taylor; The advantages of literary and social organizations to rural communities, Sheriff P. C. Gore; How does scientific investigation aid the farmer, Lewis Pidgeon.

No FRUIT FROM NEGOTIATIONS.—The war in South Africa is exceptional in that the Boers are shut off from the world. Their envoys in Europe cannot communicate with them. The latest credentials of the envoys were drawn up in March, 1900, and bid them strictly to independence. They cannot even accept a restoration of the status before the war. Under these circumstances the Netherlands government suggests, from motives of humanity, that Great Britain give the Boer envoys safe conduct to South Africa to communicate with their brethren in the field. Upon their return negotiations for peace might be conducted at The Hague. It is evident that the Netherlands government is acting with the authority of the Boer leaders, that she will not accept intervention from any foreign power and holds that if the Boers wish to negotiate, they should do so in South Africa, communicating with Lord Kitchener.

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